

# **Traumatic Brain Injury Data Collection**

## **Maryland Profile**

#### **Data Collection Information**

### Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Surveillance

Maryland is one of 12 states receiving CDC funding for ongoing, systematic collection and analysis of TBI data as part of the Traumatic Brain Injury Surveillance Program. Through this program, each participating state characterizes TBI risk factors, incidence, external causes, severity, and short-term outcomes via population-based surveillance of TBI-related hospitalizations and deaths.

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#### Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Registry

Maryland's population-based Disabled Individuals Reporting System serves as the state's central registry for persons who have sustained TBI, spinal cord injury, stroke, and amputation.

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## **Program Spotlight**

Maryland Disabled Individuals Reporting System (DIRS): Passive linkage to service information The Maryland Disabled Individuals Reporting System (DIRS) was established to help inform persons recently injured about available services and supports. All hospitals are mandated by law to send injury reports to DIRS. As reports are received, the program mails out information and descriptions about assistance-oriented providers. Persons in the system may access additional information though a central phone number.

The program uses its legislative authority to collect contact information about those registered in the system, and to contact these individuals in order to link them with information about available services and assistance.